Growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Agriculture in Bihar

1552. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from agriculture was lower than the rate of growth of population in the State of Bihar during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to bring the GDP from agriculture at par with the growth of population in the State to maintain the balance of foodgrains and population?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The average annual growth rates in Gross State Domestic Product from Agriculture at constant (1980-81) Prices and Population in the State of Bihar during 1989-90 to 1994-95 were 0.24 and 2.16 percent respectively.

(c) The Government is implementing various Centrally Sponsored Schemes for development of different sectors of Agriculture including Horticulture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Forestry, etc. in the State of Bihar.

आन्ध्र प्रदेश के लिए आपदा राहत कोष

1553. **डा. वाई. लक्ष्मी प्रसाद:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) आन्ध्र प्रदेश में समुद्री तूफान और बाढ़ से हुई जान-माल की हानि से राहत पहुंचाने हेतु वर्ष 1994-95 और वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान आपदा सहायता कोष से कितनी धनराशि स्वीकृत की गई थी;

(ख) राज्य सरकार द्वारा मांगी गई सहायता और केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा प्रदान की गई सहायता का वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या स्वीकृत कुल धनराशि जारी कर दी गई है यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं तथा तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ने आन्ध्र प्रदेश की विशेष भौगोलिक स्थिति को ध्यान में रखते हुए अतिरिक्त धनराशि देने के संबंध में कोई निर्णय लिया है; यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र): (क) से (ग) राहत व्यय को वित्त पोषित करने की विद्यमान योजना के अन्तर्गत, राज्य सरकारें प्राकृतिक आपदाएं आने पर आपदा राहत निधि के वार्षिक आवंटन का उपयोग करके राहत और पुनर्वास उपाय करती हैं। 1995-96 से एक राष्ट्रीय आपदा राहत निधि भी स्थापित की गई है ताकि बहुत ही गंभीर किस्म की आपदाएं आने पर राज्य सरकारों को अतिरिक्त सहायता प्रदान की जा सके। 1994-95 और 1995-96 के दौरान, आन्ध्र प्रदेश सरकार ने समुद्री तूफानों और बाढ़ों के आने पर राहत और पुनर्वास उपाय करने के लिए कमश: 215.00 करोड़ रुपये और 875.26 करोड़ रुपये की सहायता की मांग की थी। भारत सरकार ने इन वर्षों के दौरान आपदा राहत निधि के केन्द्रीय हिस्से के रूप में 64.50 करोड़ रुपये और 87.91 करोड़ रुपये की राशि निर्मुक्त की थी। इसके अतिरिक्त, 1995-96 के समुद्री तूफान/बाढ़ को देखते हुए अतिरिक्त सहायता के लिए अपेक्षित निधि के अनुमान के आधार पर राहत उपायों के लिए राष्ट्रीय आपदा राहत निधि से 21.00 करोड़ रुपये की राशि निर्मुक्त की गई थी।

(घ) दसवें वित्त आयोग ने गत वर्षों के दौरान आई प्राकृतिक आपदाओं पर हुए व्यय के रूख को ध्यान में रखते हुए आपदा राहत निधि के वार्षिक आवंटन किए थे। आन्ध्र प्रदेश के लिए 124.19 करोड़ रुपये की आपदा राहत निधि उपलब्ध है। आवंटन संबंधी इन राशियों में कोई परिवर्तन किया जाना जरूरी नहीं समझा गया है।

Central Schemes for Agricultural Production in North-East

1554. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally-sponsored schemes being implemented in North-Eastern States to boost agricultural production for the benefit of farmers;

(b) the details of achievements made in these States after the implementation of these schemes; and

(c) the financial assistance provided to State Governments to implement these schemes during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) A statement indicating the names of Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in the North-Eastern States and the financial assistance provided to the State Government to implement the schemes during 1995-96 is enclosed. (*See* below).

Introduction of rabi food crops both rice and wheat; increase in production of sugarcane; introduction of new crops like rubber, coffee, cashew in the hill areas (particularly rubber in Tripura); substantial increase in production and productivity of rice in the Manipur Valley; introduction of groundnut, soyabean and fruits in new areas are major achievements made in North-Eastern States.

Statement

(A) List of Centrally Sponsored Schemes being Implemented in North-Eastern States

S.No.	Name of Schemes
1	2
1.	Integrated Cereal Development Programme-Rice
2.	Sustainable Development of Sugarcane based Cropping System Programme
3.	Special Jute Development Programme
4.	National Pulses Development Project
5.	Oilseeds Production Programme
6.	Oil Palm Development Programme
7.	National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas
8.	Balanced and Integrated use of Fertiliser
9.	Development of Fertiliser use in low Consumption & Rainfed Areas
10.	Integrated Seed Development Scheme
11.	Streamlining of certified Seeds production of important identified Vegetable Crops
12.	Grants-in-Aid to States/UTs for Setting/Strengthening of State Bio-Control laboratories under Integrated Pest Management Centres
13.	Grants-in-Aids to States/UTs for Setting/Strengthening of State Bio-Control laboratories under Implementation of Insecticides Act
14.	Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation among Small Farmers
15.	Exchange of Farmers within the Country
16.	Farmers Scientists Interaction
17.	State Land Use Board
18.	Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects
19.	Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas
20.	Development of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants
21.	Use of Plastics in Agriculture
22.	Development of Commercial Floriculture
23.	Development of Mushroom
24.	Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid & Temperate Fruits
25.	Development of Root & Tuber Crops
26.	Development of Betelvine
27.	Development of Arecanut
28.	Development of Vegetables
29.	Development of Spices
30.	Training & Extension
31.	Investment in Debentures of LDBs
32.	Failed Well Compensation Fund Scheme
33.	Timely Reporting Scheme
34.	Improvement of Crop Statistics
35.	Livestock Census
36.	Agricultural Census
37.	Strengthening of Agricultural Extension in North-Eastern States

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38.	Development of Bee-keeping
39.	Non-Overdue Cover Scheme
40.	Special Schemes for SC/STs
41.	Assistance to Women's Cooperatives
42.	Assistance to Weaker Section Cooperatives
43.	Establishment of Agency for Reporting Agricultural Statistics
44.	National Project on Development and Use of Bio-Fertilizers

(B) Financial Assistance provided to State Governments for Implementation of Centrally Schemes to Boost Agricultural Production during 1995-96

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Name of State	Amount Released
1	2	3
1.	Assam	861.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	472.85
3.	Manipur	1033.77
4.	Meghalaya	159.59
5.	Mizoram	501.07
6.	Nagaland	737.61
7.	Tripura	308.31
		4074.19

Allocation of rail rakes for salt producing units of Gujarat

1555. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway rakes being supplied and utilised by the salt producing units in Gujarat every month at present;

(b) whether the present number of rakes are inadequate as per the demand for salt throughout the country; and,

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for allotment of more rakes as per demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The number of railway rakes being supplied and utilised by the salt producing units in Gujarat every month at present is as under:—

Month	No. of rakes supplied & utilised		Demand of rakes cancelled/ withdrawan/ forfeited	
	BG	MG	BG	MG
August '96	79	36	102	28
September '96	77	22	55	10
October '96	88	34	43	1
November '96 (upto 26.11.96)	63	25	2	1

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Public Address System at Railway Stations

1556. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether public address system at New Delhi, Delhi Main, Nizamuddin, Subzi Mandi and Sarai Rohilla railway Stations giving information of arrival and departure of trains is not clearly audible to passengers;

(b) whether the same problems have been experienced at all other railway stations of main cities of the country;

(c) whether Government propose to take measures to improve this service in view of fast development of railway telecommunication network; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No Sir, Public address systems are being checked to Monitor its functioning and are maintained in good working order.

(b) No Sir. The equipments are checked and necessary action taken where required.